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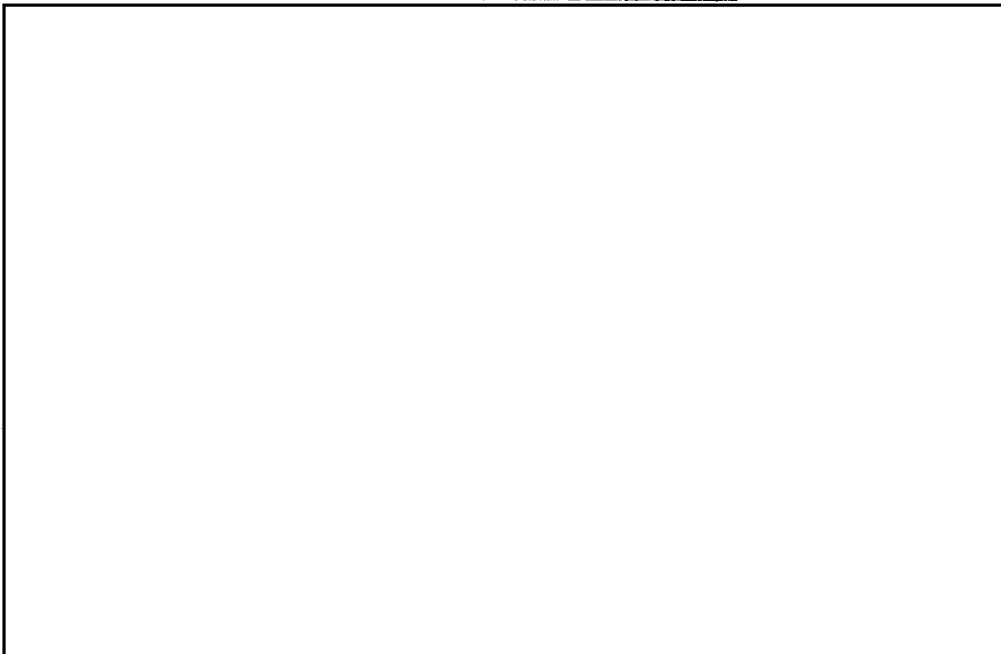
Minutes
One Hundred Sixty-Eighth Meeting
Monday, 27 January 1975, 1000 to 1300 Hours
Room 7D64, CIA Headquarters



Chairman
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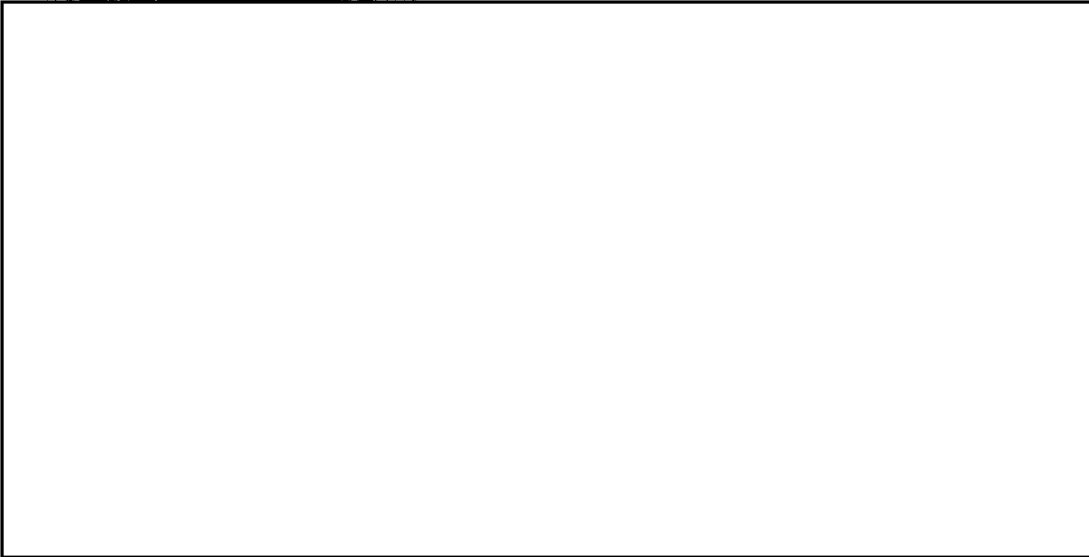
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MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES PRESENT



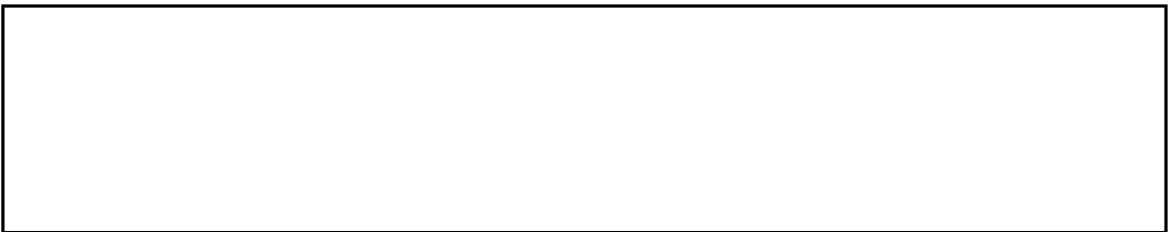
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LEGAL AND FOIA OFFICERS PRESENT



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ALSO PRESENT



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1. Preliminary Comments

The Chairman advised that the special session of the Committee was called in recognition that effective compliance with requirements of the amended Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) would require close coordination among members of the intelligence community. The Chairman had asked members at a previous meeting to give consideration to the desirability of and contents of a proposed USIB Information Notice on the Freedom of Information Act. The Chairman also had asked for comments by members on a series of questions about proposed FOIA implementing procedures that could have a significant impact on other member agencies in their handling of intelligence materials. The Chairman said he hoped that discussion of these questions might lead to resolutions of mutual benefit. He recognized that the Committee could not deal with or resolve all problems that might arise but expressed the hope that coordination would permit mutual understanding and appreciation of different view points and contribute to the efforts of the intelligence community in implementing the Act.

2. Guests

The Chairman welcomed guests and introduced the Associate General Counsel, CIA, who was acting as the DCI's counsel in connection with the implementation of the Freedom of Information Act.

3. Desirability of USIB Information Notice

The Chairman asked for comments on the desirability of a USIB Information Notice. Members unanimously concurred in the desirability of such a notice on FOIA implementation for the USIB/IRAC and Intelligence Community.

4. Discussions of Content of Information Notice

A draft notice had been disseminated at a previous meeting. The Chairman asked for comments.

a. NSA counsel asked whether or not it would better serve departments and agencies seeking coordination on FOIA requests if there was one point of contact for both USIB/IRAC documents as well as for extracts of USIB/IRAC documents contained in documents of another agency. NSA counsel saw possible difficulties in the compilation of required records and a requirement to identify many personnel as original deniers.

b. The DIA, FBI and Treasury concurred in the desirability of establishing a single point of contact for all necessary coordinations of USIB/IRAC material.

c. The Navy, Air Force and Army representatives expressed the opinion that direct coordination with the USIB/IRAC or committees might save coordination time.

d. The Chairman requested members to offer comments on the proposed notice to the Secretary as soon as possible. Short comments may be telephoned in and more substantive comments should be called in and followed in early correspondence.

5. Discussion of Questions on Implementation Proceedings

There was extended discussion on a series of questions posed by the Chairman at the previous meeting. Opinions and proposed preliminary plans of the departments and agencies were expressed in open session. While the discussion reflected that plans differed to some extent among agencies, there was a consensus that the FOIA amendments indicated the need for rapid coordination between departments and agencies. Most agencies plan on either referring requests or advising the requester that he might want to go to another agency for answer to his request if the request was determined to apply to documents originated by another agency.

There was a consensus of opinion that agencies would first seek coordination prior to release of classified documents originated by another agency.

The members agreed that efforts would be made to give careful consideration to any request for intelligence documents provided by a foreign government.

It was generally agreed that departments and agencies would coordinate on those parts of classified documents which originated in another agency prior to release action.

There was general discussion without a consensus of opinion on the question of whether to identify and how to identify deniers of extracts.

6. Observations

While cautioning that the Committee could not act as legal counsel for the community, the Chairman expressed willingness to receive and transmit to all any information which may help in implementation of the Act. The Chairman further expressed a willingness to entertain any suggestions which might be made to the USIB or the Chairman of the Board.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Chairman expressed his appreciation for the interest and efforts of the members. The Chairman gave special expressions of appreciation to the counsels and other guests for their contributions.

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Executive Secretary

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coordination within respective agencies. Following discussion during which [] assured there was no substantive dissention among members of the Subcommittee, the Chairman and members of the Security Committee agreed to conduct coordination within respective departments and agencies. [] will provide a clean draft by early January 1975.

[], Chairman of the Computer Security Subcommittee, addressed the meeting and discussed his proposed plans for the Subcommittee's attention during the coming year. [] opened his remarks with a commendation for [] efforts in guiding production of the policy paper. [] said that the policy paper as drafted represented a fine resolution to a very difficult problem and will prove of benefit to the entire community.

In addressing plans for 1975, [] set forth four areas of proposed attention: security guidance needs related to hardware and software; procedures for security tests and evaluation of computer systems; development of security features for contingency and backup planning; and guidance for secure re-use of data storage media. [] cautioned the members against expectations of early results because of the general complexities and inherent technical difficulties in these areas.

3. Technical Surveillance Countermeasures Subcommittee Report

[] Chairman of the TSCS, addressed the Committee and set forth initial concepts on which he expects to focus the efforts of the TSCS in early 1975. [] said that he anticipated looking into the best means of facilitating the expansion of the role of the R&D Group so as to dispel misunderstanding and arrive at the proper relationship between the R&D Group, the TSCS, other Subcommittees and the Security Committee. [] mentioned his intention to continue the previous activities of the TSCS in the area of publishing Penetration Reports, Technical Reports and Information Notices. [] also noted that he will appoint [] as Executive Secretary to assist him in the work of the Subcommittee. [] expressed a willingness to hear from any members of the Security Committee with suggestions or proposals for attention of the TSCS.

The Chairman of the Security Committee said that while he had no proposal to make at this time, he believed the TSCS had been very helpful to the community in the past. The Chairman mentioned that he had tried to facilitate the activities of the TSCS in the recent past months as acting Chairman and gave assurances of his continued interest and willingness to be of all possible personal assistance in the efforts of the TSCS.

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4. Declassification Guide Working Group Report

The Chairman informed the members of the status of the Committee's draft guidelines for declassifying archival intelligence material. He advised the members that a suggestion had been made that the guidelines ought to assert that information on intelligence sources and methods should never be declassified. It was the consensus of the Committee that the suggestion should not be pursued since it had been examined in the early stages of development of the guidelines and found to be impractical. The Chairman advised that the Working Group report would be discussed further at a subsequent meeting of the Committee.

5. Compartmentation Subcommittee Report

[] reported that the Compartmentation Subcommittee had its initial meeting on 12 December 1974 with two heavy agenda items, the review of DCID 1/14 tasked by the Security Committee and the review of DCID 1/7 tasked by the USIB and referred by the Security Committee.

In connection with the review of DCID 1/7, [] proposed to request comments from participants and then prepare a strawman paper for Subcommittee attention.

Position papers on DCID 1/14 have been requested from participants. Once these have been reviewed, compiled and disseminated to all members, the Subcommittee will determine subsequent course of proceedings toward satisfaction of the task.

[] requested support from the members of the Security Committee in expediting the necessary inputs on these tasks.

The Chairman of the Security Committee informed the members that arrangements had been made to contract the services of [] for six months (January to June 1975). [] is retiring from CIA where he had long service in all areas of compartmented security. [] will be detailed as the Executive Secretary of the Compartmentation Subcommittee.

6. Report of Chairman, Community Computer Compartmentation Control Working Group

[] Chairman of this working group, reported that there had been two meetings of this group supplemented with frequent contacts with [] DIA. At the 4 December meeting DIA had submitted a "pre-concept paper" setting forth initial factors desired in the new computer-assisted control of access approvals. These factors represent the essential parameters of the system. Working Group members discussed and agreed on these parameters. A concept paper is

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